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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th September, 1953 -

Males - 323,196

Females - 304,109

Persons - 627,305

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1953 -

Persons - 351,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

| | DECEMBER | | 12 Months Ended DECEMBER | |
|---|----------|-------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 |
| Marriages - Number | 465 | 557 | 5,033 | 5,389 |
| *Rate per 1000 of Population | 8.68 | 10.72 | 8.09 | 8.95 |
| Births - Number | 1,304 | 1,237 | 15,857 | 15,413 |
| *Rate per 1000 of Population | 24.33 | 23.81 | 25.47 | 25.60 |
| Deaths - Number | 413 | 442 | 5,069 | 5,209 |
| *Rate per 1000 of Population | 7.71 | 8.51 | 8.14 | 8.65 |
| Infant - Number | 28 | 30 | 377 | 384 |
| Mortality *Rate per 1000 Live Births | 21.47 | 24.25 | 23.77 | 24.91 |
| <u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u> | | | | |
| Tuberculosis | 2 | 11 | 45 | 82 |
| Malignant neoplasms | 66 | 69 | 730 | 689 |
| Diabetes mellitus | 6 | 4 | 45 | 42 |
| Diseases of blood, etc. | 3 | 1 | 21 | 28 |
| Cerebral haemorrhage, etc. | 58 | 46 | 574 | 612 |
| Diseases of the heart | 123 | 127 | 1,562 | 1,539 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | 10 | 11 | 163 | 158 |
| Hypertensive disease without mention of heart | 11 | 7 | 82 | 77 |
| Arteriosclerosis | 13 | 15 | 175 | 187 |
| Influenza | 2 | 3 | 25 | 24 |
| Pneumonia | 11 | 14 | 190 | 181 |
| Bronchitis | 2 | 1 | 49 | 40 |
| Other respiratory disease | 7 | 5 | 42 | 71 |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 2 | 1 | 42 | 38 |
| Gastro-enteritis and colitis | 1 | 2 | 17 | 31 |
| Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis | 1 | - | 7 | 11 |
| Cirrhosis of the liver | 1 | 4 | 29 | 23 |
| Nephritis and nephrosis | 6 | 9 | 76 | 88 |
| Diseases of the prostate | 4 | 5 | 48 | 62 |
| Maternal causes | - | 2 | 7 | 18 |
| Diseases of early infancy | 13 | 13 | 221 | 233 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 14 | 13 | 188 | 191 |
| Other accidents | 20 | 24 | 207 | 216 |
| Suicide | 10 | 10 | 61 | 82 |
| All other causes | 27 | 45 | 463 | 486 |
| Total. | 413 | 442 | 5,069 | 5,209 |

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during January, 1954 totalled 75,952 acres, an increase of 29,368 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 123,974 acres, an increase of 80,931.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

| | Month of JANUARY | | Seven months Ended JANUARY | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|
| | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 |
| | £. | £. | £. | £. |
| Revenue | 3,251,606 | 3,301,651 | 22,565,706 | 20,203,586 |
| Revenue per Head of Population | £5. 2. 10 | £5. 7. 4 | £35. 19. 3 | £33. 4. 2 |
| Expenditure | 3,303,223 | 3,042,022 | 24,556,782 | 21,995,428 |
| Expenditure per Head of Population | £5. 4. 5 | £4.18.11 | £39. 2. 8 | £36. 3. 0 |

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 31st January, 1954 amounted to £51,320,265 or £81.1. 6d. per head of population as against £48,518,141 or £78. 16. 5d. per head as at the 31st January last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 27th January, 1954 amounted to £13,575,956 compared with £11,728,507 for the corresponding period last year

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

| Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds | | JANUARY | | 7 Months Ended JANUARY | |
|---|-----|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------|
| | | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 |
| Transfers | No. | 1,657 | 1,414 | 13,603 | 11,433 |
| | £. | 2,527,365 | 1,656,277 | 18,519,052 | 12,631,243 |
| Mortgages | No. | 1,356 | 969 | 11,644 | 8,263 |
| | £. | 2,113,057 | 1,296,816 | 18,271,349 | 11,916,312 |
| Discharges of Mortgages | No. | 924 | 881 | 7,487 | 6,033 |

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

| Period of Receipt of Returns | Taxable Goods | | Sales of Exempt Goods | Tax Collected |
|----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net) | Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross) | | |
| | £. | £. | £. | £. |
| Seven months ended JANUARY, 1954 | 23,306,111 | 15,337,388 | 55,587,013 | 3,419,405 |
| Seven months ended JANUARY, 1953 | 20,767,116 | 14,617,899 | 48,248,847 | 3,144,894 |
| Month of JANUARY, 1954 | 3,818,219 | 2,731,156 | 8,791,094 | 505,042 |
| Month of JANUARY, 1953 | 2,691,974 | 1,648,767 | 7,351,736 | 502,271 |

COMPANIES REGISTERED

113 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £4,645,503, and 45 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1954. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 60 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,601,000 and 31 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

| | Seven Months Ended JANUARY | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------|------|-------------|--------|
| | 1954 | | | 1953 | | |
| | No. | Liabilities | Assets | No. | Liabilities | Assets |
| | | £. | £. | | £. | £. |
| Sequestration Orders | 26 | 73,551 | 52,771 | 22 | 60,154 | 40,940 |
| Deeds of Assignment (a) | 13 | 55,848 | 75,468 | 14 | 59,800 | 57,394 |
| Deeds of Arrangement | - | - | - | - | - | - |

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

| | DECEMBER | | 6 Months Ended DECEMBER | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | 1953 | 1952 / | 1953 | 1952 / |
| Gross Earnings (a) * £. | 1,072,500 | 749,200 | 5,398,900 | 3,244,100 |
| Working Expenses (a) £. | 1,201,709 | 1,064,305 | 6,854,652 | 5,447,971 |
| Train Miles Run No. | 646,781 | 536,226 | 3,577,470 | 2,029,651 |
| Motor Bus Miles Run No. | (b) 148,776 | (b) 145,223 | (c) 928,193 | (c) 986,904 |
| <u>Passenger Journeys -</u> | | | | |
| Train No. | 615,485 | 493,977 | 4,116,603 | 2,368,340 |
| Motor Bus No. | 53,826 | 50,113 | 305,490 | 331,036 |
| <u>Tonnage Carried -</u> | | | | |
| Paying Goods | 300,435 | 234,482 | 1,476,042 | 945,715 |
| Livestock | 10,137 | 12,879 | 74,107 | 72,319 |
| Departmental (Free Freight) | 65,067 | 70,816 | 383,166 | 259,420 |
| <u>Total.</u> | 375,639 | 318,177 | 1,933,315 | 1,277,454 |
| <u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u> | | | | |
| Paying Goods | 51,039,549 | 37,440,406 | 252,139,953 | 143,172,982 |
| Livestock | 1,347,442 | 1,557,465 | 9,917,211 | 9,484,902 |
| Departmental (Free Freight) | 8,717,215 | 10,062,881 | 54,839,342 | 36,240,221 |
| <u>Total.</u> | 61,104,206 | 49,060,752 | 316,896,506 | 188,898,105 |

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.
(b) Four weeks ended 12th December.
(c) Period ended 12th December.
* Figures liable to revision.
/ Figures reflect Metal Trade Strike.

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

| | METROPOLITAN AREA | | | | ENTIRE STATE | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
| | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Year 1951 | 4,263 | 2,088 | 51 | 1,886 | 7,914 | 5,730 | 101 | 3,192 |
| Year 1952 | 4,088 | 2,006 | 74 | 1,121 | 8,068 | 5,471 | 112 | 1,939 |
| Year 1953 | 4,460 | 1,869 | 57 | 746 | 8,152 | 5,015 | 76 | 1,239 |
| 1953 - | | | | | | | | |
| January | 272 | 94 | - | 80 | 492 | 296 | 5 | 119 |
| February | 291 | 151 | 1 | 69 | 556 | 369 | 2 | 121 |
| March | 326 | 119 | 6 | 72 | 627 | 334 | 8 | 124 |
| April | 292 | 161 | 4 | 51 | 545 | 439 | 6 | 93 |
| May | 330 | 139 | 2 | 52 | 566 | 425 | 2 | 80 |
| June | 272 | 160 | 8 | 45 | 501 | 390 | 11 | 76 |
| July | 386 | 174 | 5 | 61 | 694 | 471 | 8 | 106 |
| August | 325 | 147 | 7 | 44 | 592 | 397 | 8 | 79 |
| September | 542 | 195 | 9 | 53 | 995 | 488 | 9 | 85 |
| October | 523 | 195 | 6 | 77 | 917 | 465 | 7 | 111 |
| November | 431 | 165 | 5 | 62 | 795 | 431 | 5 | 115 |
| December | 470 | 169 | 4 | 80 | 872 | 510 | 5 | 130 |

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

| Date (as at end of Month) | METROPOLITAN AREA | | | | ENTIRE STATE | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|
| | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (including Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1952 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 37,873 | 16,368 | 522 | 9,952 | 64,180 | 50,897 | 988 | 16,041 |
| 1953 - | | | | | | | | |
| January | 40,516 | 17,384 | 530 | 9,981 | 66,392 | 50,193 | 976 | 14,723 |
| February | 40,644 | 17,438 | 527 | 9,954 | 67,497 | 51,806 | 1,002 | 15,136 |
| March | 40,931 | 17,501 | 530 | 9,966 | 68,465 | 52,738 | 1,016 | 15,420 |
| April | 41,155 | 17,564 | 533 | 9,984 | 68,833 | 52,618 | 1,022 | 15,425 |
| May | 41,271 | 17,552 | 530 | 9,937 | 69,502 | 53,367 | 1,024 | 15,545 |
| June | 41,231 | 18,394 | 537 | 9,855 | 69,833 | 54,639 | 1,035 | 15,559 |
| July | 42,576 | 18,934 | 542 | 9,981 | 69,571 | 53,261 | 1,044 | 14,666 |
| August | 42,727 | 18,992 | 550 | 9,898 | 69,989 | 53,569 | 1,053 | 14,618 |
| September | 43,247 | 19,121 | 551 | 9,963 | 70,962 | 53,991 | 1,054 | 14,715 |
| October | 43,752 | 19,273 | 560 | 9,875 | 71,723 | 54,092 | 1,061 | 14,593 |
| November | 44,024 | 19,325 | 564 | 9,843 | 72,584 | 55,087 | 1,067 | 14,848 |
| December | 44,513 | 19,429 | 567 | 9,817 | 73,825 | 55,782 | 1,071 | 15,022 |

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for December, 1953:-
98 Cars; 745 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, December 1953 and 1952, and six months ended December, 1953 and 1952, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

| | IMPORTS | | | | EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores) | | | |
|------------|----------|-------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| | DECEMBER | | 6 Months Ended DECEMBER | | DECEMBER | | 6 Months Ended DECEMBER | |
| | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 |
| | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 | £,000 |
| Oversea | 3,934 | 2,008 | 20,698 | 15,170 | 7,796 | 9,553 | 39,233 | 44,730 |
| Interstate | 5,356 | 4,634 | 41,039 | 33,943 | 1,159 | 3,095 | 11,807 | 12,487 |
| Total. | 9,290 | 6,642 | 61,737 | 49,113 | 8,955 | 12,648 | 51,040 | 57,217 |

BUILDING ACTIVITY
(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

| Period | Dwellings | | | | Factories | | Other | | Total | |
|-----------|-------------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| | Owner-Built | | By Contractors etc. (a) | | | | | | | |
| | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value |
| | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 |
| Year 1946 | 55 | 32 | 1,316 | 1,221 | 52 | 82 | 145 | 192 | 1,568 | 1,527 |
| Year 1947 | 165 | 109 | 2,245 | 2,380 | 37 | 64 | 164 | 327 | 2,611 | 2,880 |
| Year 1948 | 514 | 346 | 2,544 | 3,041 | 49 | 160 | 268 | 431 | 3,375 | 3,978 |
| Year 1949 | 825 | 693 | 2,485 | 3,476 | 57 | 215 | 317 | 657 | 3,684 | 5,041 |
| Year 1950 | 1,313 | 1,365 | 3,331 | 4,727 | 41 | 263 | 428 | 651 | 5,113 | 7,006 |
| Year 1951 | 1,913 | 2,835 | 4,137 | 6,969 | 40 | 459 | 433 | 986 | 6,523 | 11,249 |
| Year 1952 | 2,883 | 5,824 | 4,946 | 11,201 | 63 | 667 | 604 | 2,242 | 8,496 | 19,934 |
| Year 1953 | 2,988 | 7,219 | 4,839 | 12,624 | 84 | 817 | 714 | 3,657 | 8,625 | 24,317 |
| 1953 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| March Qr. | 706 | 1,614 | 935 | 2,391 | 17 | 214 | 172 | 657 | 1,830 | 4,876 |
| June Qr. | 767 | 1,830 | 1,229 | 3,191 | 15 | 241 | 129 | 597 | 2,140 | 5,859 |
| Sept. Qr. | 593 | 1,443 | 1,370 | 3,537 | 25 | 249 | 163 | 1,079 | 2,151 | 6,308 |
| Dec. Qr. | 922 | 2,332 | 1,305 | 3,505 | 27 | 113 | 250 | 1,324 | 2,504 | 7,274 |

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Including Owner-Built Homes)

| | Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc. | | Wood, or Mainly Wood | | Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement | | Other Material | | Total | |
| | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value |
| | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 |
| Year 1946 | 578 | 640 | 186 | 140 | 373 | 296 | 227 | 172 | 1,364 | 1,248 |
| Year 1947 | 1,114 | 1,365 | 257 | 196 | 966 | 862 | 62 | 47 | 2,399 | 2,470 |
| Year 1948 | 1,252 | 1,715 | 326 | 249 | 1,436 | 1,348 | 29 | 22 | 3,043 | 3,334 |
| Year 1949 | 1,449 | 2,235 | 228 | 191 | 1,571 | 1,649 | 42 | 43 | 3,290 | 4,118 |
| Year 1950 | 1,709 | 2,882 | 337 | 311 | 2,262 | 2,572 | 55 | 48 | 4,363 | 5,813 |
| Year 1951 | 2,155 | 4,560 | 453 | 525 | 2,933 | 4,241 | 190 | 218 | 5,731 | 9,544 |
| Year 1952 | 3,006 | 8,097 | 745 | 1,609 | 3,844 | 6,678 | 135 | 263 | 7,730 | 16,647 |
| Year 1953 | 2,676 | 8,417 | 976 | 2,657 | 3,966 | 8,277 | 24 | 54 | 7,642 | 19,405 |
| 1953 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| March Qr. | 660 | 2,004 | 139 | 364 | 823 | 1,587 | 8 | 14 | 1,630 | 3,969 |
| June Qr. | 700 | 2,132 | 288 | 787 | 986 | 2,044 | 7 | 17 | 1,981 | 4,980 |
| Sept. Qr. | 601 | 1,894 | 283 | 759 | 1,003 | 2,173 | 6 | 15 | 1,893 | 4,841 |
| Dec. Qr. | 715 | 2,387 | 266 | 747 | 1,154 | 2,473 | 3 | 8 | 2,138 | 5,615 |

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

996,781 lbs. were produced during January, 1954 and 11,675,099 lbs. for the seven months ended January, 1954, as against 989,083 lbs. and 12,285,526 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1953.

GOLD PRODUCTION

| | JANUARY | | 12 Months Ended DECEMBER | |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|------------|
| | 1954 | 1953 | 1953 | 1952 |
| Quantity ... Fine Ozs. | 58,689 | 66,341 | 823,912 | 729,975 |
| Value (Aust. Currency) * £. | 909,185 | 1,027,727 | 12,763,762 | 11,308,559 |

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.
/ Amended.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1953 amounted to £1,432,852. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1952 amounted to £1,079,371.

| Date | | Time | | Location | | Remarks | |
|------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1951 | 10/1 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/2 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/3 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/4 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/5 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/6 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/7 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/8 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/9 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/10 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/11 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/12 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/13 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/14 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/15 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/16 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/17 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/18 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/19 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/20 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/21 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/22 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/23 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/24 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/25 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/26 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/27 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/28 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/29 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/30 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |
| 1951 | 10/31 | 10:00 | 10:15 | 10:30 | 10:45 | 11:00 | 11:15 |

- 8 - RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

| | Food and Groceries | | | | All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series) | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|------|------------------------------|------|---|------|------------------------------|------|
| | DECEMBER QUARTER | | Twelve Months Ended DECEMBER | | DECEMBER QUARTER | | Twelve Months Ended DECEMBER | |
| | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 |
| Metropolitan Area | 2656 | 2439 | 2608 | 2359 | 2314 | 2225 | 2295 | 2170 |
| Kalgoorlie-Boulder | 2777 | 2647 | 2738 | 2556 | 2374 | 2324 | 2361 | 2262 |
| Northam | 2679 | 2521 | 2630 | 2429 | 2336 | 2253 | 2315 | 2186 |
| Bunbury | 2708 | 2505 | 2636 | 2415 | 2344 | 2255 | 2314 | 2195 |
| Geraldton | 2768 | 2566 | 2698 | 2473 | 2449 | 2364 | 2421 | 2293 |
| Collie | 2752 | 2524 | 2671 | 2432 | 2242 | 2146 | 2211 | 2085 |

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

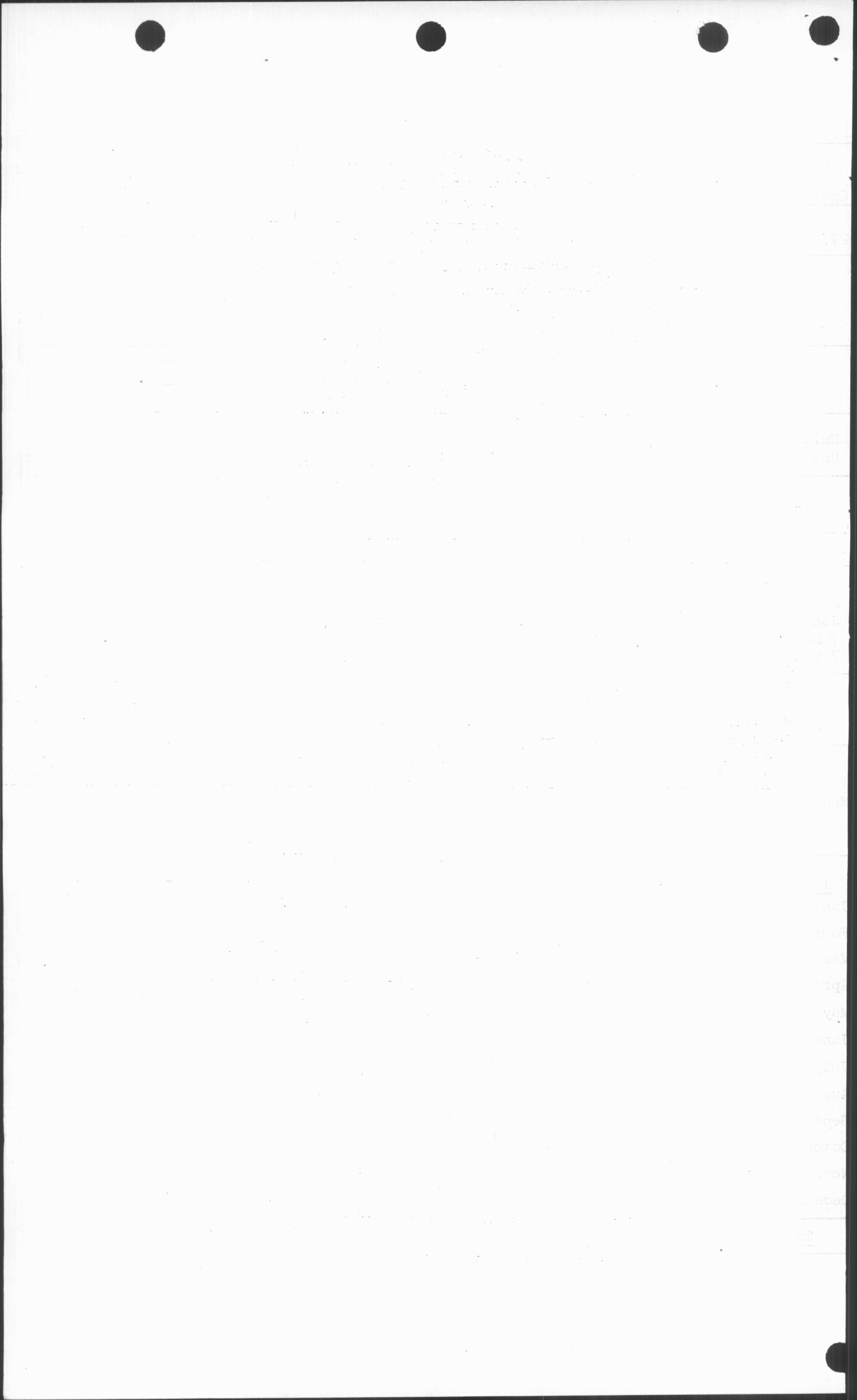
(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)
Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

| Month | 1952 | | | 1953 | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| January | 127,021 | 40,611 | 167,632 | 127,573 | 39,805 | 167,378 |
| February | 127,314 | 41,319 | 168,633 | 128,682 | 40,835 | 169,517 |
| March | 127,666 | 41,367 | 169,033 | 129,232 | 41,012 | 170,244 |
| April | 126,905 | 41,326 | 168,231 | 129,666 | 41,211 | 170,877 |
| May | 126,734 | 41,110 | 167,844 | 129,673 | 41,189 | 170,862 |
| June | 126,001 | 40,564 | 166,565 | 130,185 | 41,029 | 171,214 |
| July | 125,215 | 40,408 | 165,623 | 130,540 | 41,132 | 171,672 |
| August | 125,577 | 40,115 | 165,692 | 130,351 | 41,296 | 171,647 |
| September | 125,235 | 40,272 | 165,507 | 130,899 | 41,443 | 172,342 |
| October | 126,306 | 40,389 | 166,695 | 131,392 | 41,824 | 173,216 |
| November | 126,330 | 40,541 | 166,871 | 131,948 | 42,192 | 174,140 |
| December | 126,684 | 40,719 | 167,403 | 132,572 | 42,634 | 175,206 |

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

| Month | <p align="center"> <u>FACTORIES</u> (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)) </p> | | | | |
|-----------|--|------|------|------|------|
| | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 |
| | | | | | |
| January | 179 | 194 | 208 | 214 | 216 |
| February | 182 | 197 | 212 | 216 | 219 |
| March | 186 | 200 | 215 | 216 | 222 |
| April | 187 | 200 | 215 | 215 | 223 |
| May | 187 | 203 | 216 | 214 | 224 |
| June | 187 | 202 | 215 | 211 | 224 |
| July | 182 | 204 | 218 | 210 | 224 |
| August | 189 | 204 | 217 | 214 | 224 |
| September | 190 | 204 | 216 | 213 | 224 |
| October | 191 | 206 | 217 | 214 | 225 |
| November | 192 | 207 | 217 | 214 | 225 |
| December | 194 | 207 | 215 | 215 | 226 |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1952 are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE

| Date of Operation | Metropolitan Area | | South-West Land Division | | Goldfields and Rest of State | |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. |
| 27. 7. 53 | 12. 6. 6 | 8. 0. 3 | 12. 6. 0 | 7. 19. 11 | 12. 9. 4 | 8. 2. 1 |

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

| Particulars | JANUARY | | Seven Months Ended JANUARY | |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------------------|---------|
| | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 |
| Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.) | 32,992 | 27,831 | 227,027 | 199,147 |
| Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.) | 29,554 | 24,768 | 203,323 | 176,181 |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

| Period | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| January, 1954 | 7,499 | 575 | 71,203 | 8,845 |
| January, 1953 | 7,199 | 477 | 109,504 | 9,413 |
| 7 Months ended January, 1954 | 66,323 | 3,710 | 726,267 | 64,570 |
| 7 Months ended January, 1953 | 54,297 | 4,471 | 977,493 | 71,751 |

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

| Month | Total Accidents Reported | | Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10) | | Casualty Accidents | | Persons Killed | | Persons Injured | |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------|--|---------|--------------------|---------|----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | Metro-politan | Country | Metro-politan | Country | Metro-politan | Country | Metro-politan | Country | Metro-politan | Country |
| 1953 - | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| January | 1,100 | 276 | 316 | 102 | 164 | 75 | 6 | 5 | 197 | 129 |
| February | 1,072 | 266 | 271 | 108 | 176 | 65 | 8 | 9 | 237 | 87 |
| March | 1,110 | 319 | 286 | 125 | 178 | 95 | 5 | 13 | 217 | 138 |
| April | 1,117 | 319 | 319 | 136 | 169 | 81 | 12 | 7 | 186 | 117 |
| May | 1,242 | 300 | 381 | 130 | 167 | 86 | 13 | 9 | 190 | 116 |
| June | 1,273 | 259 | 381 | 128 | 154 | 62 | 9 | 7 | 191 | 75 |
| July | 1,281 | 253 | 361 | 115 | 182 | 56 | 9 | 3 | 209 | 74 |
| August | 1,168 | 273 | 335 | 109 | 138 | 76 | 7 | 9 | 163 | 118 |
| September | 1,153 | 266 | 352 | 125 | 141 | 57 | 12 | 6 | 152 | 70 |
| October | 1,325 | 285 | 374 | 133 | 205 | 65 | 8 | 6 | 264 | 90 |
| November(a) | 1,205 | 268 | 333 | 124 | 159 | 83 | 4 | 9 | 201 | 112 |
| December(b) | 1,314 | 280 | 365 | 128 | 191 | 81 | 6 | 10 | 223 | 108 |
| Total. | 14,360 | 3,364 | 4,074 | 1,463 | 2,024 | 882 | 99 | 93 | 2,430 | 1,234 |

- (a) Revised.
(b) Subject to minor revision.

